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Dear A. M. Veneman:

I am writing as a Cattlemen and a consumer. In regard to the COOL issue, to let you know that I am for COOL to be implemented immediately and simply. And not in a voluntary status, as N.CBA and the meat packers want. (We have already been in the voluntary status for some time and nothing has been gained. Also for your information, the N.CBA does not represent the majority of the American Stockgrowers.)

As a consumer, (and along with all other consumers, including you), we need to know where our food comes from, for safety and health reasons.

And it is our right to have a free choice to support USA products if we choose. And not have some slick trader sneak in a product from some other country and mix it with our, (and get you USDA label).

To strengthen my position that we need to know all things about our food, I will note for you some comments taken from the "Stockman Grass Farmer", page 27, July 2001 issue. (Published from Ridgeland, MS

the following is from the editorial by Allan Nation,
he is writing about his own observations while in
China. I quote; - the Chinese do not believe in eating
any vegetables raw, --- horse and cattle manure
is ~~sometimes~~ dried and used for cooking fuel. It is human
manure that is largely used to fertilize fields. this no
doubt accounts for the Chinese prohibition against
eating uncooked vegetables," end of quote.

We've had in our refrigerator, boughten, bagged carrots
stating! Distributed by "Such and Such" Co, Tulsa Ok.

Does Oklahoma grow many carrots, I didn't
think so. these are likely grown in China and
side dressed with human manure. ^{we had} intend
to eat the carrots raw.

See you in the Hospital

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